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SUBJ: SENEGALESE FOREIGN MINISTER ON KOREA

REF: A. DAKAR 0574, B. DAKAR 1528

1. IN MARCH 17 PRESS CONFERENCE, SENEGALESE FOREIGN MINISTER ASSANE SECK DISCUSSED KOREA (AND OTHER ISSUES BEING REPORTED SEPTELS). ASKED ABOUT RECENT VISITS BY DELEGATIONS FROM BOTH KOREAS (REFTELS), SECK POINTED OUT THAT EACH COUNTRY HAD DAKAR EMBASSY, AND POLICY DEFINED BY PRESIDENT SENGHOR WAS "TO FACILITATE DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE TWO." HOWEVER, SECK REMARKED THAT "WE HAVE EXAMINED THE PROBLEM AND BELIEVE THAT THE POSITION OF NORTH KOREA (IN SEEKING REUNIFICATION WITHOUT FOREIGN INTERFERENCE) IS JUST." HE NOTED THAT SOUTH KOREA WAS NOT OPPOSED TO SUCH A DIALOGUE. ASSERTING THAT IT WAS US, RATHER THAN UN, TROOPS WHICH WERE STATIONED IN SOUTH, SECK ARGUED THAT TWO KOREAS SHOULD BE LEFT ALONE TO WORK OUT THEIR PROBLEMS BECAUSE THEY ARE SAME PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN SEPARATED BY "HISTORICAL INCIDENT."

2. COMMENT: AFTER INNUMERABLE DEMARCHES OVER PAST TWO YEARS BY US AND ROK REPRESENTATIVES, AND GRADUAL GOS MOVEMENT
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TOWARD MORE EVEN-HANDED KOREA POLICY (SEE REPORTING ON RECENT VISITS), IT IS STRIKING THAT SECK STILL VOICES FORMULATIONS EXPLICITLY SUPPORTIVE OF DPRK; HIS REMARKS MAY BEAR OUT ROK AMBASSADOR CHI'S CONCLUSION AFTER RECENT VISIT (REF B) THAT SECK NOTICEABLY LESS POSITIVE THAN PRESIDENT SENGHOR AND NEEDS TO BE TARGET OF CONTINUED DIPLOMATIC WORK.

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